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Customer No. 27160

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

James J. HICKMAN

Application No. 09/575,377

Filed: May 22, 2000

For: HIGH THROUGHPUT FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS

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: Confirmation No.: 2330  
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: Group Art Unit: 1631  
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: Examiner: M. P. Allen

**AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In lieu of the Appeal Brief due January 23, 2006, applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks in connection with an Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) submitted herewith. .

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response for 3 months from October 23, 2005 to January 23, 2006. A check for \$905 is enclosed to pay for the RCE and extension of time. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.